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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark A. Plummer et al.)
 Serial No: 09/774,826) Group Art Unit: 1764
 Filed: January 30, 2001)
 For: Removal of Sulfur from a Hydrocarbon) Examiner: Walter D. Griffin
 Through a Selective Membrane)
 Attorney Docket No: 970019 USA)
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Sir:

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